

DANGER OF FIRE

New York City's Fire Protection Is Inadequate,

SO SAYS FIRE UNDERWRITERS

Fire Alarm System Is Unreliable—the Water Supply Is Insufficient and Distribution Poor—Fire Engines Too Few and Those in Use Inefficient.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Journal of Commerce today says: "The City of New York from a fire protecting standpoint, is in a very serious condition as is shown by the just completed report of the committee of twenty of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. There are several vital defects in the various branches of the fire department and water supply which at any time by combination may form a very grave menace to the greater part of the city."

"With its vast congestion of values and narrow and obstructed streets in the business section, taken in connection with a dangerously unreliable fire alarm system, insufficient water supply and poor distribution, causing extremely low pressure in some localities, absence of a sufficient number of engines and inefficiency of some of those in use, there is decided opportunity for a sweeping conflagration in this city. The committee's experts have completed a very careful examination of the entire city and the result of their findings is confirmed by Captain John S. Sewell, of the corps of engineers, U. S. A., who was detailed by President Roosevelt, to assist in the work of the committee. Captain Sewell says in part:

"The type and occupancy of buildings prevailing in the worst sections, their mutual exposures, the narrowness of streets, inadequacy of water supply and distribution, together with the enormous values involved, combine to make of the situation in Manhattan by far the most serious fire and conflagration hazard it has ever seen. The conclusion is inevitable that the magnificent personnel of the fire department has been the only thing that has prevented sweeping conflagrations in the past."

"In view of the enormous interests involved and the almost international character of the catastrophe which would be represented by a sweeping conflagration in Manhattan, no time should be lost in putting into effect all the proposed improvements and all the recommendations in this report or their full equivalent."

"The report is issued under the auspices of the committee of twenty of the board of underwriters and was appointed shortly after the Baltimore conflagration with a view to investigating the fire protection of the various cities of the country."

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble 25c at Charles Rogers, drug store; guaranteed.

STRIKE POSTPONED.

New York, Dec. 11.—Differences between the unions have caused the postponement of the strike of tunnel workers which was to have gone into effect this morning. The strike would have affected all the tunnels under the North and East rivers.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at Charles Rogers, druggist.

JAPANESE COLONY.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Rev. Frank Okazaki, pastor of the Japanese Baptist mission in Seattle, supported by the leading Christian Japanese residents, is planning a colony for immigrants from his country. It is planned to establish the colony somewhere on Puget Sound. Okazaki desires to establish the colony in order that he may better spread Christian teachings among his people.

SALMON PACKERS ORGANIZE.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The Alaska Salmon packers, consisting entirely of Porto Ricans, Mexicans, and persons from Chile, the Philippines and other countries where Spanish is spoken, met yesterday and perfected their organization. The majority of the men forming the organization came from Porto Rico. They were originally induced to leave their homes on promise that they would obtain work on Hawaiian plantations at good wages and under favorable conditions. They ultimately became stranded in this city. They were then hired by Chinese contractors to cure and pack salmon in Alaska. Again they were subject to great hardships and their earnings were not sufficient to procure suitable food. Through organization they hope to better their condition.

MOVING TO CANADA

Manufacturing Interests Going From United States.

TARIFF RESTRICTIONS CAUSE

Loss to This Country Financially, Thus Far Is \$50,000,000—Chicago Is the Chief Sufferer—Illinois Manufacturers Are Much Alarmed at Conditions.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Some alarming conditions are rapidly driving large manufacturing interests from the United States to Canada are to be considered within a few days by the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

Reports just gathered show that 132 of the leading concerns of the country have been obliged, chiefly on account of tariff restrictions, to establish branch plants in Canada. Fifteen of these industries have headquarters in Chicago.

The resulting loss financially is estimated at upwards of \$50,000,000 of which amount Chicago is represented in the statistics to have suffered a large proportion.

The agitation which the Illinois manufacturers are about to start is expected to assume the form shortly of a national appeal to Congress. The remedy most in favor locally and throughout the country provides for reciprocity legislation, which will permit of the freer exchange of American and Canadian manufactured products. It is likely that Congress will be asked during the present session to take some steps in this direction.

AMOUNTS TO NOTHING.

New York, Dec. 11.—Speaking of the protests made against her plays during her Canadian tour, Sarah Bernhardt, who arrived here yesterday, said: "It amounted to nothing. It was all a misunderstanding. There is a theatre in Quebec which has been producing a series of degenerate plays. The Archbishop asked that a sermon be preached against the plays. This was done and some foolish people thought he meant my plays." She declared the scene outside the theatre was not a serious demonstration. She looked on it rather as the prank of some college youths.

MASS OF SORES

Awful Suffering of Little Boy from an Itching Humour

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"My little son, a boy of five, broke out with an itching rash. Three doctors prescribed for him, but he kept getting worse until we could not dress him any more. They finally advised me to try a certain medical college, but its treatment did no good. At the time I was induced to try Cuticura he was so bad that I had to cut his hair off and put the Cuticura Ointment on him on bandages, as it was impossible to touch him with the bare hand. There was not one square inch of skin on his whole body that was not affected. He was one mass of sores. The bandages used to stick to his skin and in removing them it used to take the skin off with them, and the screams from the poor child were heart-breaking. I began to think that he would never get well, but after the second application of Cuticura Ointment I began to see signs of improvement, and with the third and fourth applications the sores commenced to dry up. His skin peeled off twenty times, but it finally yielded to the treatment. Now I can say that he is entirely cured, and a stronger and healthier boy you never saw than he is to-day." ROBERT WATTAM, 4922 Center Ave., Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30, 1897.

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